The Board of Education of the School District of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, met in special session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, at the hour of 7:30 a.m., Central Daylight Time, Thursday, the 20th day of June, 2013. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Christine King
Vice President James Whitt
Member Jan Mees
Member Darin Preis
Member Dr. Tom Rose
Member Jonathan Sessions
Superintendent Dr. Chris Belcher
Executive Director of Human Resources and Employment Law Andrea Follett (acting Secretary at this meeting)
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Linda Quinley

Absent: Member Helen Wade
Deputy Superintendent and Secretary Dr. Nick Boren

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President King at 7:30 a.m.

Consideration of Agenda
The first matter of business was consideration of approval of the agenda for the June 20, 2013, meeting of the Board of Education. It was moved by Ms. Mees that the agenda be approved as presented. The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent.

Update on 2013-14 Budget
Ms. Quinley presented a draft of the 2013-14 budget. The budget will be presented for consideration of approval at a special meeting of the Board of Education at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2013, at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street. The June 27 meeting will also serve as a public budget hearing.

Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Training
Attorney James Thomeczek conducted a training session for the Board on Section 504 (equal rights, retaliation, discrimination, harassment, etc.) as required for a resolution to a recent OCR complaint.

Consideration of Student Handbooks
Dr. Jolene Yoakum, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, presented the 2013-14elementary and secondary student handbooks for consideration of approval. It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the handbooks be approved. The second was by Mr. Whitt. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent. (Copies of the handbooks are attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Consideration of Priority Schools Grant Application
Dr. Yoakum presented the Priority Schools grant application for Douglass High School, which was finalized and sent to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on June 14, 2013. It was moved by Mr. Sessions that the grant application be approved. The second was by Mr. Preis. The vote was 6 yes—0 no—1 absent. (A summary of the grant application is attached and made a part of the minutes.)

Dropout Rate Discussion
Dr. Belcher introduced Dr. Yoakum and facilitated a roundtable discussion about current district strategies on dropout prevention. Other participants included district administrators Ann Baker, Jeff Beiswinger, Tracey Conrad, Susan Emory, Eryca Neville, and Chip Sharp.

(At this point in the meeting, 9:20 a.m., it was necessary for Dr. Rose to leave the meeting.)

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Whitt that the Board of Education immediately adjourn to meet in executive session at the Administration Building, 1818 West Worley Street, for the purpose of considering pupil personnel issues authorized by the provisions of Section 610.021(6)(14) of the Missouri statutes. The second was by Mr. Sessions. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Preis voted	Yes
Dr. Rose was	Absent
Ms. Wade was	Absent
Ms. Whitt voted	Yes
Ms. Mees voted	Yes
Mr. Sessions voted	Yes
President King voted	Yes

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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President

Attest:_____
Secretary